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FROM AMBASSADOR VANCE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR, TH

SUBJECT: MEXICAN CANDIDACY FOR CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE COMMISSION  
ON NARCOTIC DRUGS

REF: MEXICO 2550

1. WANT TO MAKE CLEAR I IN FACT PROPOSED ELECTION TO  
BUREAU OF MEXICAN DELEGATION LEADER BORONA LOBATO AT  
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING ON EVE LAST CND MEETING. THIS  
WAS OPPOSED BY ALMOST ALL MEMBERS. HOWEVER, FRENCH  
DELEGATE AND I BOTH STATED IN NOMINATION SPEECHES AT OPENING  
SESSION NEXT DAY THAT WE REGRETTED ABSENCE DUE TO ILLNESS  
CASTRO Y CASTRO AND HOPED HE WOULD BE ABLE RETURN NEXT YEAR  
AND IF SO WE PERSONALLY COULD SUPPORT HIS RETURN TO BUREAU.  
I EXPLAINED THIS ALL TO BORONA LOBATO.

2. SOVIET DELEGATE WAS ELECTED FIRST VICE  
PRESIDENT, SWEDE SECOND VICE PRESIDENT AND CANADIAN RAPPORTEUR.  
THE STEERING COMMITTEE MADE VERY CLEAR IT WOULD NOT REPEAT  
NOT, REGARDLESS OF OUR VIEW, CONSIDER PLACING CASTRO  
AHEAD OF ANY OF THESE NEXT YEAR. IT SHOULD BE EVIDENT  
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IN PARTICULAR THAT MEXICO COULD NOT EXPECT SOVIET UNION TO

FOREGO PRESIDENCY NEXT YEAR IN FAVOR OF ANY MEXICAN.

3. WHEN MEXICAN DELEGATION CIRCULARIZED ALL CND MISSIONS AT GENEVA ASKING FOR SUPPORT NEXT YEAR FOR ELECTION OJEDA PAULLADA AS PRESIDENT, ALL MEMBERS STEERING COMMITTEE INDICATED THIS COULD NOT IN THEIR VIEW CHANGE ESTABLISHED PROMOTION PROCEDURE.

4. I WOULD PERSONALLY WELCOME OJEDA PAULLADA AS PRESIDENT, AS HE MUST KNOW. I WOULD BE PREPARED TO DO MY BEST TO BRING THIS ABOUT. HOWEVER, THERE IS NO REPEAT NO CHANCE AND THEREFORE WOULD HOPE HE NOT SEEK RESULTING EMBARRASSMENT. I BELIEVE WE COULD WELL UNDERTAKE PRESS HIS ELECTION TO BUREAU IF HE COMES BUT DO NOT SEE HOW WE CAN PROMOTE HIM OVER SOVIET.

5. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT SEND MESSAGE FROM ME TO BRITISH CND DELEGATE CHRISTOPHER TRAIN REFERRING TO OUR DISCUSSION THIS MATTER AND EXPRESSING HOPE BRITISH EMBASSY MEXICO COULD BE ASKED MAKE APPROPRIATE POINTS.  
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